

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image communication apparatus, comprising:
  - an email receiving part that receives an email;
  - a facsimile-forwarding part that facsimile-forwards the email received by the email receiving part;
  - a forwarding-size-upper-limit setting part that sets a predetermined forwarding size upper limit; and
  - a facsimile-forward limiting part that limits the facsimile-forwarding when the forwarding size to be facsimile-forwarded by the facsimile-forwarding part exceeds the forwarding size upper limit set by the forwarding-upper-limit-size setting part.
2. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the facsimile-forward limiting part prohibits the facsimile-forwarding when the forwarding size to be facsimile-forwarded by the facsimile-forwarding part exceeds the forwarding size upper limit set by the forwarding-upper-limit-size setting part.
3. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the facsimile-forward limiting part splits the data to be facsimile-forwarded into a plurality of units and facsimile-forwards the units separately when the forwarding size to be facsimile-forwarded by the facsimile-forwarding part exceeds the forwarding size upper limit set by the forwarding-upper-limit-size setting part.
4. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the facsimile-forward limiting part conducts the facsimile-forwarding at a preset time when the forwarding size to be facsimile-forwarded by the facsimile-forwarding part exceeds the forwarding size upper limit set by the forwarding-upper-limit-size setting part.
5. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, the forwarding-upper-limit-size setting part sets the forwarding size upper limit by a data size of the data to be

facsimile-forwarded by the facsimile-forwarding part.

6. The image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the forwarding-upper-limit-size setting part sets the forwarding size upper limit by a page size of the data to be facsimile-forwarded by the facsimile-forwarding part.

7. An image communication apparatus, comprising:  
an email receiving part that receives an email;  
a facsimile-forwarding part that facsimile-forwards the email received by the email receiving part;  
a registering part that registers email addresses of predetermined senders of the email; and  
a facsimile-forward limiting part that limits the facsimile-forwarding when email address of a sender of the email to be facsimile-forwarded by the facsimile-forwarding part is not registered in the registering part.

8. The image communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the facsimile-forward limiting part prohibits the facsimile-forwarding when email address of a sender of the email to be facsimile-forwarded by the facsimile-forwarding part is not registered in the registering part.

9. An image communication apparatus, comprising:  
an email receiving part that receives an email;  
a facsimile-forwarding part that facsimile-forwards the email received by the receiving part;  
a determining part that determines whether the facsimile-forwarding by the facsimile-forwarding part is instructed by the email or by setting of the image communication apparatus; and  
a control part that discards the email if the determining part determines that the facsimile-forwarding is instructed by the email, and saves the email if the determining part determines that the facsimile-forwarding is instructed by setting of the image communication apparatus, when the facsimile-forwarding by the facsimile-forwarding part.

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10. The image communication apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:
  - a reporting part that sends a report of facsimile-forwarding failure to the sender of the email if the determining part determines that the facsimile-forwarding is instructed by the email, or sends a report of the facsimile-forwarding failure to the forwarding destination of the facsimile-forwarding if the determining part determines that the facsimile-forwarding is instructed by the setting of the apparatus, when the facsimile-forwarding by the facsimile-forwarding part fails.
11. An image communication apparatus, comprising:
  - an email receiving part that receives an email;
  - a facsimile-forwarding part that facsimile-forwards the email received by the receiving part;
  - a determining part that determines whether the facsimile-forwarding by the facsimile-forwarding part is instructed by the email or not; and
  - a facsimile-forwarding control part that conducts the facsimile-forwarding based on an instruction of the facsimile-forwarding instructed by the email while ignoring an instruction of the facsimile-forwarding set within the image communication apparatus, when the determining part determines that the facsimile-forwarding is instructed by the email, and the instruction of the facsimile-forwarding is set within the image communication apparatus.
12. An image communication apparatus including facsimile sending part, comprising:
  - a sending-size-upper-limit setting part that sets a sending size upper limit; and
  - a facsimile sending limiting part that limits facsimile sending when the size to be sent by the facsimile sending part exceeds the sending size upper limit set by sending-size-upper-limit setting part.